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November 28, 1988

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (P #879 596 382)

Mr. Robert Hagen, Director Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Suite 310, Silver Square 625 Silver Avenue, S. W. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Mr. Hagen:

Re: Ten Day Notice X88-02-250-1, Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine, Mohrland Loadout, ACT/015/032, Folder #5, Emery County, Utah

Ten Day Notice (TDN) X88-02-250-1TV1 was issued for "failure to obtain a valid permit prior to conducting underground coal mining activities, loadout operation at Mohrland Loadout north of Hiawatha access road to Mohrland NPDES 001 site."

Your letter of November 16, 1988 regarding the above-referenced Ten-Day-Notice requested additional information regarding the methodology by which the Division permitted the "Mohrland Loadout". The telephone conversation of November 28, 1988 between yourself, Ken May and Lowell Braxton substantiated that the Division June 28, 1988 letter to the operator constitutes the written record generated by the Division for a permit amendment allowing coal preparation activities at the Mohrland site. This telephone conversation discussed the following:

a. The Mohrland site was used as a coal loadout by various parties prior to the temporary use amendment to Genwal Coal Company that allowed short-duration coal preparation activity. (Utah regulations do not require permitting of loadout; per se.)

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- b. The Division approved a six-month temporary amendment to the Crandall Canyon permit to allow coal preparation at this site (preparation activities in this case to be crushing, screening, or grinding, but not impurity separation).
- c. The Division required a bond to be posted during the period of temporary use which will end December 31, 1988. The bond is to be refunded upon reclamation to the pre-coal-preparation activity land configuration.
- d. At the time of the issuance of the TDN, activity at the site had not included initiation of preparation activities, and on that basis, the Ten-Day-Notice was improperly (albeit prematurely) issued.
- e. Division representatives agreed with OSM in this conversation that a clear mechanism for issuance of a temporary permit does not exist in Utah's regulations, but the Division's position is that acquisition of a bond and a short term operation with subsequent reclamation to pre-amendment field conditions has not compromised the environmental condition of the site.
- f. OSM will reconsider the situation with respect to this Ten-Day Notice upon receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

Mineral Resource Development and Reclamation Program

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